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OUTGOING OFFICERS

Let's give three cheers for the outgoing officers of the Student Body! Let by Margaret Cavanaugh, the president, the administration has been undeniably successful. They have set a precedent which may well be followed by succeeding administrations. The spirit which these officers have carried over thruout the term and the work they have accomplished has set a standard and will be felt during the terms to come.

CHRISTMAS RALLY

Sh! It will be a big surprise! The big Christmas rally will take place in the Assembly Hall, Thursday, December 20, at two o'clock. The big feature will be the installation of the new officers. Each class will present a stunt; every member present will receive a box of candy; and the Yuletide spirit will be spread by a beautifully lighted Christmas tree!

GLEE CLUB CONCERT

Thursday, December 13, the Glee Club gave a program consisting of solos, quartets, sextets, and a spectacular dance by a number of the members. The numbers were directed by the girls themselves. All who saw the performance considered it a success. Some credit is due to the members themselves who made this program possible. They stayed from four o'clock to six every night to practice.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF VIGILANTE

Balance from last term---	$ 5.85
Total from tickets-------	47.00
Total----------	$52.85
Expenses (Three months)--	33.11
Balance----------	$19.74

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!

FAREWELL, JANUARY '22

Our term ends December 21. We shall be very sorry to see this class of January 1922 go, as its members have been among our most loyal workers. From the moment of its entrance this class has been noted for its unusual activity.

The presidents of this class have been; Spring 1922, Helen Edwards; Fall 1922, Isabel Cook; Spring 1923, Irene Carey; and Fall 1923, Janet Parker. The many affairs, such as stunts and the Senior Dance which it managed, are typical examples of the support this class has given to its chosen leaders. We take this opportunity to bid them farewell and wish them great success in their chosen work of teaching. The following are to receive diplomas:
Alberta Bangs, Doris Bells, Ethel Bole Estelle Burke, Lillian Christiansen, Emilie Christie, Beauchamp Croly, Alice Cunningham, Theodore Dawe, Mabelle Dowlen, Sara Duggan, Helen Edwards, Ruth Fahrney, Lucy Frink, Eileen Fulton, Eleanor Gimmell, Ardelle Gough, Claire Gratto, Pat Hogan, Urusla Holmes, Gertrude Kelly, Helen Kiesel, Cherrill Kirkham, Lois Kirkland, Ruth Klier, Florence Kohler, Marie Lenex, Flora Leviney, Florence Levy, Beatrice Loomis, Margaret Matthew, Bessie Mau, Iowen McKenna, Teresa McKenny, Noelie Noueux, Madeline O'Niel, Janet Parker, Annetta Peterson, Beatrice Prather, Helen Prendergast, Mildred Quintel, Charlotte Siedkin, Marion Skelly, Agnes Smith, Helene Smith, Eleamor [illegible] grue, Consuelo Sullivan, Alma Toso, Harriet Watson, Anna Wentzel, Josephine Werz, Dorothy Wessel, Lois Wiester, Beth Woodford.

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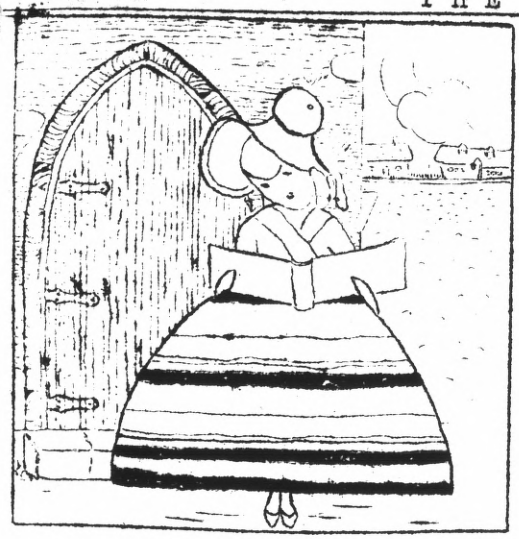
Leaders and officers of Miss Thompson's classes were entertained with a tea in the Cafeteria, last Thursday. The tea was arranged by Miss Thompson through the courtesy of Mrs. Hoover.

BE AT THE POLLS!



CHRISTMAS CAROL

The earth has grown old with
its burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is
young,
The heart of the jewel burns
lustrous and fair,
And its soul full of music
bursts forth on the air,
When the song of the angels is
sung.

It is coming, Old Earth, it is
coming tonight!
On the snowflakes which cover
they sod
The feet of the Christ-child
fall gentle and white,
And the voice of the Christ-
child tells out with
delight
That mankind are the children
of God.

On the sad and the lowly, the
wretched and poor,
The voice of the Christ-child
shall fall;
And to every blind wanderer
open the door
Of hope that he dared not to
dream of before,
With a sunshine of welcome for
all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A MESSAGE FROM TOKYO

The spirit of a people, trembling with the enormity of the disaster which has robbed it of its loved ones and of the things it has held dear, but who can see the purpose guiding the universe through it all, is expressive in a letter received by Blanch Stirzaker from a Japanese friend in Tokyo. The following is part of the letter:

"The catastrophe has caused us material injury that we can feel, see, and hear, but morally it has impressed on the Japanese people how human beings are all brothers and sisters. The expression by Americans and others of overflowing sympathy with us in this dire situation has caused us to forget the distinctive idea of Nationality. We feel thankful toward all of them from the depth of our hearts."

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"The old Tokyo as we knew it is a thing of the past. It is finished. The familiar streets, houses, and offices are of the past, but the spirit of the place remains. Earthly ambitions may have to go, the road may be steep and hard, but the flowers still give forth their scent, the day dawns in beauty, the hills are clothed in purple. 'God's in His Heaven.'"

'OP 'O ME THUMB

"'Op 'O Me Thumb", a Christmas character play, is being prepared by the students of August'23, under the direction of Miss Casebolt. All those who saw the Thanksgiving play presented by August'23 will be assured of the success of "'Op 'O Me Thumb".

The feet of the humblest may walk
in the field
Where the feet of the Holiest trod,
This, then is the marvel to mortals
revealed
When the silvery trumpets of Christ-
mas have pealed,
That mankind are the children of God.
---Phillips Brooks.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

MRS.STANLEY VISITS S.T.C.

Mrs.Stanley,State Commissioner of Elementary Education, was a visitor at S.T.C.December 3 and 4. She visited in many classes,but came particularly to investigate the work being done in Americanization. Mrs. Stanley is interested in creative education in elementary schools. She was appointed to her present position last spring to succeed DR.M.S.McNaught who resigned at that time.

TEA IN KINDERGARTEN

A delightful tea was given by the girls of Miss Spelman's domestic science class in the Kindergarten Room,November 22. The mothers of many of the students attended and enjoyed the program prepared for them.Many contributed to the program.The room was beautifully decorated.

HEALTH TALK

Dr.Richardson of the faculty of Mills College gave an interesting talk before a group of girls from Miss Whitehead's Theory of Physical Education class November 13. His subject was,"The Relation of Physical Education Work and Health."

THE FACULTY CLUB

The Faculty Club enjoyed a most delicious turkey dinner at the"Bib and Tucker"last Monday evening,December 3. The guests of honor were Mrs. G.C. Stanley,and Miss Honn,Assistant Primary Supervisor in this city. She is to give a course of lectures here next summer.

Large baskets of autumn flowers and ferns were arranged to carry out the color scheme of the room by Miss Mayer.

Mr. Anderson was toastmaster and master of ceremonies. Miss England,president,arranged the dinner.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

ENGLISH CLUB

Dr.Gordon,noted pastor of a prominent San Francisco church spoke to the English Club,December 4. In spite of the fact that Miss Bryant,(dazed perhaps by contact with the great?)nearly wrecked the car in which she was bringing the speaker and his escort to the school,she showed no sigh of nervousness in introducing the guest, and no one suspected that it was an accident which delayed his appearance. In his usual witty style Dr.Gordon interpreted what "they" "he"and"she" say about the modern woman and the home,and closed with his own opinions,chief of which was that the really fine home is that which aims not to create happiness,a false ideal,but to create character.

November 22, the club presented Mrs.Cuddy's play,"Ye Thanksgiving in Plymouth". The Hall was filled and the audience enthusiasti Much credit is due all who took par

November 13 the English Club enjoyed a "Day of all Nations". The program consisted of talks by girls representative of the different countries,of folk dances,and of music of other lands. Esther Aase in Norweigian costume,and Alice Fong in Chinese dress,magically transported us abroad. Myrtle Hoeft explained the intricacies of the German educational system. Emila Sano gave an illustrated chat on color in Japanese costumes. Dances of many lands were given. A group of Miss England's best sang "O Sole Mio", and Miss Tveitmore played Grieg's "Solveig's Song",arranged for violin.

The meeting of November 27,for which four members had prepared costumes and illustrated talks, was not held because the audience consisting of the loyal members was hardly able to make up by its interest its lack in numbers. It was proposed to discontinue the club, but a group of "enthusiasts" spread the news and asked the girls what they wanted to do. A very decided demand arose that the work should continue.

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"I BELIEVE IN LAUGHTER"

"I believe in laughter, in love, in faith, inall ideals and distant hopes that lure us on." Do you ever think of this line from the "Teachers' Creed"? What does it mean?-"I believe in laughter". Think how happy we could make our days, bigger, more wotth while to ourselves and to all with whom we come in contact if we would carry the spirit of Laughter, of Joy into everything we do. The mere material results are sufficient to make the experiment worthy of trial. You have studied psychology-you know that with a positive attitude of joy in whatever you do you make the results better and quicker of attainment than with a negative attitude of dislike or just passive endurance to your task.

There are certain essential courses offered in this college which are unofficially advertised as being "Difficult" and as having an impossible amount of work connected with them. Students enter these courses with a most unhealthy attitude which they refuse to give up as they begin their work. The result is a nervous state of worry and exhaustion over the simplest problems they undertake. Try bringing joy into that and all your work, into the daily routine kind of thing especially-and you will be repaid a hundredfold. You will find joy waiting for you which will lighten your task and give you time to grasp the full significance of all you do. You will find yourself giving, not the minimum, but the most that is in you, to get in the fullness of what every course, every contact has to give. Try it!

LIVE TODAY

"Live today." This was an admpnition to the Junior Class when it entered last August. To live just as fully, to be of just as much service today, right now, as we expect to be and do when we go out into the world to teach-is that not the better way? Today, are you merely striving for an "O.K." or are you gaining experiences by which you can be of more service now and when you teach? After all, what is an "O.K." but simply a bookkeeping device? It cannot measure how much you have grown since you began your work, or how much nearer you are to your goal. You alone can know this. Be honest with yourself.

GOOD WORK IN THE LIBRARY

Have you noticed how you have changed the library? Last month your attention was called to the deplorable condition resulting from lack of cooperation. Your response was immediate and decisive. At present the number of overdues each day is negligible and the librarians have commended upon the helpful spirit manifested by all students. You, however, have reaped the benefits. You now have access to reference books which are where thet belong when you want them.

NEW SYSTEM A SUCCESS

The new system of signing up has proved a decided success. All but a few have given their cooperation by not abusing the privileges it gives. Don't be one of the few!

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DEDICATED TO JANUARY '22

From year to year the classes go
Along Life's path, ashine, aglow,
Ready to tread its wonderous ways,
Eager to gain the world's praise.
Weary and worn by trumpets tried
Ever in hope that their strength may abide
Let them go forward to join with the rest,
Let them go forward to meet the world's test.

THE TEACHERS' MISSION

"Teaching is not a business; it is a mission. The art of teaching is, no less than that of other great arts, the expression of some great spiritual impulse. The school itself has its roots in that desire for human betterment which springs from the depths of the activities of conscience, which is the source of our strivings toward righteousness. The teacher must feel this impulse with that same force which inspires the sculptor and painter to give shape to their ideals of beauty or truth; the musician and poet to speak for noture, -to be her voices; the prophet to speak for God. In some measure are the ideals of all these merged in those of the teacher, the interpreter. He is gardener of men, shepherd of children, whose field is as wide as all life, than whose thought none must be broader than whose faith none must be higher; who looks to send forth from under his hand moulders of tomorrow's life, socially-conscious beings seeking and finding happiness in workable ideals of social and spiritual unity."

From "A Mother's Letters to a School-master."

THE NEW STAFF

The readers of the "Vigilante" will need no introduction to the new editor, Kate Mercado, when they learn that she is the author of "Tinker Bell's Messages", as well as of the article "Dreams", published two months ago, and of "The Old Building Speaks", published last month. Irene Shraft, the new manager, has been actively associated with Dena Robinson, the present manager, during this term and is well fitted for her duties.

TINKER BELL'S MESSAGE

Christmas is near
And the children will ask,
With wide, trusting eyes,
"Santa's a-coming
Down the chimney soon,
Isn't he, Miss?"
And because of those eyes
You will have to say,
"Of course he is!"
But then you will smile
At trusting childhood,
Because you have learned
Not to believe
In Santa Claus.
So harken, grown-ups!
While I try to make you
Believe again:
Do you remember,
When a little child,
How you used to wonder
That God could be
In two places at once?
He was a person, then;
For you could not grasp,
At that tender age,
The idea of Spirit.
But as you grew older,
God, the Spirit,
Quite naturally
And beautifully
Came to take the place
Of the One in the sky;
And you loved Him more,
If that could be.
Now Santa Claus
Is more than you thought.
He's a Kindly Person
That if made welcome
Will someday change into
The Spirit of Giving--
A beautiful spirit
Much needed here.
So please believe,
In Santa Claus--
For he is real
If Love is real.
(Signed) Tinker Bell.

BE A CONTRIBUTOR !!

WOMENS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The W.A.A.wishes to express its appreciation to the classes of January'22 and August'21 in recognition of the splendid support they have given the association. These classes had long hoped for an athletic association and finally,becoming determined,drew up our present constitution. Beth Clark, August21,the first president,nobly organized the W.A.A. Isabel Cook carried on the activities very capably.She successfully managed the two field days with San Jose. The past members of executive committees were: Isabel Cook, Irene Carey, Beth Woodford,Katherine Kelly,Marian Skelly,Ethel Boldic,Lois Guldager,Teresa McKenna,Ruth Farhney,Alice Gibson, Helen Wollang,Maude Ballentine, Beth Clark,Claire Marcaux,G.and I.Tasson,Margaret Holland,and E. Rice. These girls certainly were the backbone of the W.A.A.We are grieved to have them depart,but knowing that they will,in their new work,continue to foster that spirit of cooperation and service that they have shown.

PHYSICAL ED. MAJOR CLASS

Miss Hale calls her Major Class"Hale's Hopelesses"(apologies to the Faculty Baseball team which we understand is called"Miss Hale's Hopefuls").

ONE:"Emilysmisshalehere?"

OTHER:"Dunnoseeiferhatan coatsenthevloset."

Miss Hale would like the majors to attend conference daily whether her hat is in the closet or not,as she has not been wearing hats to school of late.

Dr. Richards will leave on December 22 for a trip to New York via the Panama Canal. She expects to stop at Cuba,among other places,and is to return by rail two months later.

VOTE!! VOTE!!

SWIMMING

Every Thursday afternoon at Sutro Baths,S.T.C. has its aquatic activities.Helen Wollang has conducted a course in swimming for the elementary class and can now boast of some excellent swimmers. The interclass swimming meet will be held this spring so there will be sufficient time for team practice.Remember that the class of August'22 won the swimming meet last year. Who will carry off the honors this spring?

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY'23 DINNER

November 13,a most enjoyable evening was spent by the January and February'23 class at the Aladdin Studio,where it held a dinner party in honor of the Volley ball and Basketball teams. Between courses captains were elected by the members of both teams.Elsie Riegels was elected captain of volley ball and Iris Young captain of basketball. After a program and games all left for the Imperial Theatre.January and February '23 has waked up and is showing lots of pep. Keep it up,January and February '23!

JOHN MUIR SCHOOL PROGRAM

The graduating class of the John Muir School is preparing a musical program with the special music class. They will give several elaborate numbers,one of which is a chorus from the "Chimes of Normandy", to be given in costume.

FAIRMONT HOTEL PROGRAM

The girls of Mrs. Mc Cauley's Special Music Class gave a splendid Christmas program at the Fairmont Hotel, Saturday, December 8. Christmas carols were sung suitable to the Christmas program and Yuletide spirit.

To be remembered by someone,
For having made his burdens light
That's my wish this closing year
As I say to the old year,
"Good Night".

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Tommy, very sleepy, was saying his prayer: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep----"

"If" prompted his mother.

"If" murmured Tommy, "he hollers let him go, eeny meeny miny mo."

Johnnie, trying to teach his sister to whistle: "Aw just make a hole in your face and push."

NORA: "I smell rubber burning."

MARY: "It must be somebody's neck."

Lila to Ruth (on their vacation trip home) - "Oh, Ruth! I forgot to turn off the electric iron."

RUTH: "Never mind, dear. The house won't burn. I forgot to shut off the shower!"

MR. HOOVER: "Every time I look at the moon through a telescope it ssems as if I see--"

DENA: (softly) "A man!"

We understand the members of the Home Economics class are bleaching their hair. (This is authentic.)

THEODORE: "I'm going to have my picture taken today. I hope it does me justice."

T.ROSE: "So do I--justice tempered with mercy."

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

An officer was showing some of our girls over the battleship.

"This" said he, "is where our gallant captain fell."

"No wonder" replied Charlotte. "I nearly tripped over it myself."

WHY MRS. MYERS LOOKS TIRED AFTER CORRECTING THEMES

"She ran with her hair streaming down the street."

"As she entered the scund of crashing dishes met her eyes."

"The duties of a good citizen are to leave his seat when "The Star Spangled Banner" is played, and to hold his banana peels till he meets an ash can."

When Roosevelt was a student at Harvard, he was required to recite a poem in public declamation. He got as far as a line which read:

"When Greece, her knees in suppliance bent--"There he stuck.

Again he tried.

"When Greece, her knees--"but he could get no further.

The professor waited patiently, finally remarking:

"Greece her knees again Teddy, Then perhaps she'll go."

It was the dear old lady's first ride in a taxi, and she was watching with growing alarm the driver continually putting his hand outside the car as a signal to the following traffic. At last she became angry. "Young man," she said, "you look after that car of yours and watch where you are going. I'll tell you when it starts raining.

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